

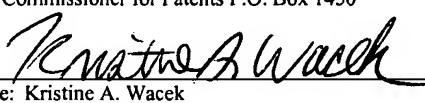
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 18, 2005. In a Preliminary Amendment being submitted concurrently herewith, the Applicants have cancelled claims 1-35 and added new claims 50-54. Without acquiescing to the statements made in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the species drawn to Figure 16A for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants submit that original claims 36-49 and all of the new claims 50-54 are readable upon the elected species. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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